Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Karl F. Althage, of Columbia, Missouri, who is retiring from his position as District Director of the Missouri Farm Service Agency on August 3, 2007, after thirty-nine years of government service; and

Whereas, as District Director, Karl Althage provided oversight, program advice, training and guidance to the FSA county committees and county office staffs located in central and east central Missouri; and

Whereas, Karl Althage served as a consultant to his county offices in administering FSA commodity, conservation, and farm loan programs, and in 2004, he received an award for his outstanding leadership, commitment, and contributions to the success of the Missouri Farm Service Agency; and

Whereas, having spent the majority of his federal service career with the Farmer's Home Administration, Karl Althage began as a student trainee in 1968 with FmHA in Union, Missouri, and after college, he became the Assistant County Supervisor in Steelville, Missouri, until 1973, when he became the County Office Supervisor in Farmington, Missouri; and

Whereas, in 1978, Karl Althage moved to Columbia to become the Assistant District Director for FmHA and became a District Director in 1994, and in 1995, he joined the Farm Service Agency as a District Director, and for a time, he served as State Civil Rights Coordinator; and

Whereas, an avid hunter and fisherman and a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, Karl Althage is looking forward to spending his time with his family which includes his beloved wife, Karen Althage, his sons, Jeff Althage, Jonathan Althage, and Kyle Cook, and his daughters and their husbands, Erin and Michael Goldberg and Stephanie and Steve Isaacs:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations to Karl Althage on the occasion of his retirement from a brilliant career and to wish him every success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Karl F. Althage.

Offered by
Representative Steve Hobbs
District No. 21
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4279, adopted July 23, 2007.